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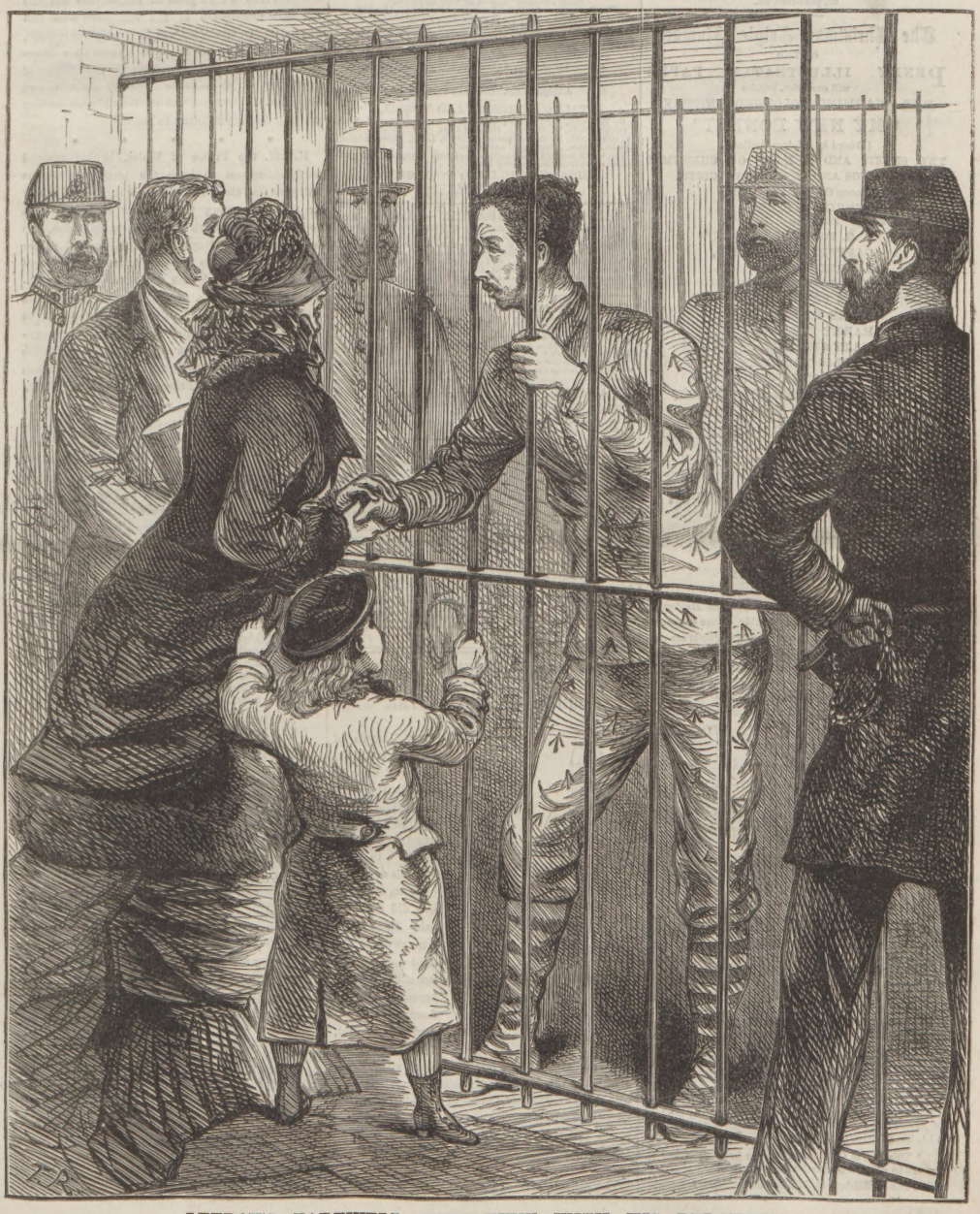

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1881.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

The Marquis of Hartington always does well when he rises to the occasion. The soundness of his good, argumentative speech to the Liberals of Blackburn on Saturday last did not surprise those who were aware of the solid worth that is sometimes hidden beneath a stolid demeanour. Evidently in earnest, the Secretary for India on Saturday ably met the coarsely vituperative attacks of the Marquis of Salisbury; repaid him with his own coin; and brought to a close a Statesman-like address with some fair and honest words; which will not be thrown away upon reasonable Irishmen.

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The salient points of the Marquis of Hartington's capital speech were clearly and succinctly described in Mr. William Senior's graphic special report to the *Daily News*:—"Lord Hartington's quiet sarcasm created a good deal of amusement. When he asked what the Opposition orators had offered towards guiding the country save sneers and reproaches, the echo of the meeting came back in laughter. When, turning to Afghanistan, he expressed his astonishment at the assertions of 'a statesman of Lord Salisbury's well-known accuracy,' there was a sudden outburst of merriment which nothing in the speaker's countenance or tone seemed to warrant. The audience accepted it as a rare piece of fun, as they did also the later description of the statesman who had sneered at Mr. Gladstone's style of pulpit eloquence, himself lifting up his hands to Heaven on a Manchester platform, and announcing the glad tidings of great joy of an alliance between Austria and Germany. 'Scuttling out of Cabul' was another point that brought down the house."

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H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having stopped at Sandringham to keep the birthdays of the Princess and their eldest daughter, will in a day or two be coming to town on his usual visit to the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, in which, it is well known, his Royal Highness, as well as her Majesty, take a deep personal interest. Our Royal Family are credited with the virtue of never forgetting their friends, or anyone who has had the honour to serve them. A proof of this was given at Sandringham last Sunday morning, when a clergyman who once occupied a confidential position in the Royal circle, Canon Duckworth, preached the sermon before the Prince and Princess of Wales and family.

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"A Merry Christmas" to the immaculate Macclesfield solicitors, and the Deal publicans and "Deal Boatmen!" These practised manipulators of bribery money may need the wish of "A Happy New Year" also. Sentenced to from nine to two months' imprisonment, they are to spend Christmas and the New Year in jail. Pity a few more lawyers couldn't keep them company! PHILIP.

The Romance of an Old Oak.

A mighty growth! The county side
Lamented when the giant died,
For England loves her trees:
What misty legends round him cling!
How lavishly he once did fling
His acorns to the breeze!

And it were hard to fix the tale
Of when he first peered forth a frail
Petitioner for dew:
He took no ill from Saxon spade,
The rabbit spared the tender blade,
And valiantly he grew.

And showed some inches from the ground
When Saint Augustine came and found
Us very proper Vandals:
When nymphs owned bluer eyes than hose,
When England measured men by blows,
And measured time by candles.

And this was called the traitors' branch,—
Stern Warwick hung six yeomen stanch
Along its mighty fork;
Uncivil wars for them! The fair
Red rose and white still bloom,—but where
Are Lancaster and York?

His few remaining boughs were green,
And dappled sunbeams danced between,
Upon the dappled deer,
When, clad in black, a pair were met
To read the Waterloo Gazette,—
They mourned their darling here.

Romantic spot! By honest pride
Of old tradition sanctified:
My pensive vigil keeping,
I feel thy beauty like a spell,
And thoughts and tender thoughts upwell,
That fill my heart to weeping.

F. Locker.

Mr. Rylands, M.P., last Monday night at Burnley, spoke strongly of the obstruction of a few Irish members in the House of Commons, and said he was in favour of silencing such members, not for one night, but for a whole Session.

News in a Nutshell.

THE QUEEN AND COURT.

The Queen, Princess Beatrice, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught attended Divine Service on Sunday morning in the private chapel at Windsor.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Gladstone, Earl Spencer, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Forster, and Mr. Arthur Peel, proceeded to Windsor, to attend a Council meeting held by her Majesty. The Ministers lunched at the castle, and then returned to town.

The twelfth birthday of Princess Maud, the youngest daughter of the Prince and Princess of Wales, was celebrated on Saturday. The Prince of Wales and his guests began shooting on Monday morning. The Prince and Princess give a tenants' ball on Friday evening, in connection with the birthday of the Princess of Wales.

Prince Leopold, travelling as the Duke of Albany, arrived on Tuesday at Windsor.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne arrived at Windsor Castle the same afternoon, on a visit to the Queen.

The Prince of Wales will be again nominated for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge on Dec. 7.

Princess Beatrice lunched with the Empress Eugénie on Saturday at 28, Princes-gate, and afterwards went to the Saturday Popular Concerts, St. James's Hall. Her Royal Highness returned to Windsor at seven p.m.

THE QUEEN A PRIZE-WINNER AT THE BIRMINGHAM CATTLE SHOW.

The thirty-third exhibition of cattle, sheep, pigs, and poultry was opened last Saturday in Bingley Hall, Birmingham. The number of entries was 300 in excess of last year. Her Majesty took the first prize for Hereford oxen, not exceeding four years. Her Majesty also took second prize in the class for Hereford heifers. Mr. Challerton, of Louth, took the first prize for shorthorn oxen. For short horn steers between two and a half and three and a half years, the first prize was awarded to Mr. Robert Worsley, of Aylsham, Norfolk, and for steers under that age, the successful competitor was Mr. Arthur Pease, M.P. In the shorthorn class, Mr. W. G. Gibbs, of Taunton, was the first-prize taker for shorthorn cows, and he was also awarded a special prize of £50 for the best shorthorn in the show. The Elkington Challenge cup, value one hundred guineas, was this year taken by a Hereford belonging to Mr. John Price, of Pembridge, Herefordshire, who was also awarded an extra prize of £50 for the best Hereford, and the President's prize of £25 for the best animal bred and fed by the exhibitor.

PARLIAMENT WILL MEET

at an earlier date than usual—probably on Thursday, Jan. 19. The recommendations of the Government for the conduct of the business of the House of Commons will be immediately brought forward.

THE MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON

on Sunday last addressed a large meeting of electors of North-East Lancashire. He referred to affairs in Europe and in Afghanistan; and, alluding to Ireland, said the Government were not to be blamed for the state of that country, adding that, with regard to the working of the Land Act, compensation to landlords was a question which would have to be considered. On this present Saturday Lord Hartington was to address his constituents at Nelson, but he has asked for a postponement of the meeting till Dec. 17.

SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT

was present on Saturday night at a banquet of the Liberal Association at Derby, and delivered a speech, in which he attacked the conduct of the Opposition on various points. He maintained that the Land Act in Ireland was not a measure of spoliation, but that it was passed to prevent spoliation.

Mr. Goschen on Tuesday spoke at a Liberal meeting at Rugby, and the two members for Bristol addressed the Liberal Operatives' Association at Colston Hall. Sir Wilfrid Lawson was at the same time instructing and amusing his constituents at Carlisle; and Mr. Mundella and Mr. Osborne Morgan at Aylesbury. Sir S. Northcote attended an agricultural dinner on Wednesday at Barnstaple. On the same evening Lord Carnarvon and a host of smaller Conservative politicians promised to attend at a Working Men's Conservative Club at Portsmouth, and Lord Randolph Churchill to speak at Manchester. In the same city Lord Rosebery arranged to speak at the same time; while, further North, Mr. Herbert Gladstone opened a Liberal Club at Whitby. On Thursday Mr. Dodson fixed to preside over a Liberal meeting at Lewes; and Mr. James Lowther to speak at a Conservative banquet at Brigg, in Lincolnshire. On Friday Lord Hartington will address a meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Dodson will deliver an opening address to the Lewes Liberal Association, and Mr. Osborne Morgan will make a speech at Llandudno.

"VAT IS DE GERMAN VADERLAND?"

In the German Parliament on Monday the debate commenced on the grant for the incorporation of Hamburg with the Customs Union. Prince Bismarck, in addressing the House, said there could be no doubt that Imperial interests were involved in the measure. No doubt! Didn't Humbug originate in Hamburg?

THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF GERMANY

have been constant in their visits to the palace at Berlin since the Emperor's indisposition, the Crown Prince calling sometimes two or three times daily. The physicians find it very difficult to combat the troubles which affect the Emperor's digestive organs—a complaint which has affected him for seventeen years.

DESTRUCTION OF A LIGHTHOUSE.

A report reached Castletown, Berehaven, on Monday, that the lighthouse on Calf Rock, a distance of some ten miles from the mouth of Bantry Bay, had been completely destroyed by the storm, and that six men had perished with it. The greater portion of the tower has been carried away. Five men who were on the rock on duty were seen, however, on Monday by the Coastguards. Her Majesty's ship Salamis was sent to the scene of the disaster to render assistance, and was signalled by the survivors by means of the signal code, but the sea being so rough the attempted rescue had to be postponed.

H.M. IRONCLAD RUPERT,

which had been in great danger during the late storm, arrived in Portsmouth harbour on Monday afternoon. H.M. troop-ship Orontes, which had sailed for the Cape, had her steering gear put out of order, and was obliged to run for Portland Roads.

CHILDREN POISONED.

Sir John Humphreys held an inquest on Saturday on the bodies of three children who had been poisoned by taking morphia, administered in mistake for fever powders. The morphia had been erroneously supplied by an assistant surgeon, whom the jury, in returning a verdict of "Death by misadventure," censured for not having exercised greater care.

MURDER IN IRELAND.

What is believed to be a deliberate murder took place last Monday night in the neighbourhood of Dromore, county Down. The body of a farmer named M'Cornish was found in a ditch bearing marks of violence. The base of the skull was fractured and the jaws broken. Inquiries were made, and a policeman, proceeding to Belfast, arrested a farmer named Hugh Hamilton, resident in the neighbourhood of Dromore, who had just taken a ticket by one of the cross Channel steamers.

IMPRISONMENT FOR BRIBERY.

Several cases of corrupt practices at the Sandwich and Macclesfield elections were considered on Monday and Tuesday by Mr. Justice Denman, Mr. Justice Hawkins, and Mr. Justice Bowen, in the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Justice Denman on Tuesday gravely censured the offenders against Parliamentary purity. He did more. The Macclesfield solicitors, John Frederick May and William Mair got nine months' imprisonment; James Barber Edwards, of Deal, six months, and the same to Samuel Olds, a town councillor; the publicans, Mackins, Rea, and Spear, three months; and three months to Ben. Ward, farmer; and two months each to George Porter and William Mackie.

DEATH FROM CHLORAL.

Dr. Danford Thomas on Monday held an inquest at 39, Portsdown-road, Maida-vala, on the body of Mr. Vincent Arncotts, aged thirty-six, of that address, and one of the Justices of the peace for Lincolnshire, who was found dead in bed on Saturday morning. The evidence of the witnesses showed that the deceased, who was of independent means, was engaged in literary pursuits, and that he enjoyed very good health; but at times, owing to the large amount of mental labour that he had to do, he was unable to sleep at nights, and that he now and then took sleeping draughts. Death was no doubt due to syncope from an overdose of chloral, a bottle labelled "Hunter's Solution of Hydrate of Chloral" being found near the bed, and having contained eight doses of that poison. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and added a recommendation that the Sale of Poisons and Patent Medicines Act should be amended.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

On Saturday night, while attempting to jump on to the forward platform of a tram-car in motion in New Kent-road, a young man, named John Carry, slipped under the wheels. He received such severe injuries that he died at Guy's Hospital. Another young man, named Evan Lewis, while attempting to cross Blackfriars-road on Saturday night, was run over by a pony and trap, and also died in Guy's Hospital.

FATAL FIRE AT SHEERNESS.

The dockyard church at Sheerness was on Saturday night completely destroyed by fire. One man was killed and several others much injured during the attempt to stay the progress of the conflagration. A sailor named Lee, who was severely hurt by falling from a ladder at the fire, died on Monday morning after considerable suffering. This makes the second death

LORD SELBORNE arrived at his town house, Langham-place, on Monday evening, from Ramsgate. The noble Lord has regained his usual good health, we are glad to hear.

VICTORIA CITY.

Back again my spirit yearns,
From the roaring of the street
From the city's heart that burns,
Throbbing in its fevered heat,
To the hemlock's swaying and the wild wind's playing,
And the creek that rushes at my feet.

To the mountains, forest-clad,
To the maple's rosy blush,
Where the robins whistle glad,
And the blue jay through the bush
Flashes, like the glory of a fairy story,
And my footsteps echo in the bush.

To the old birch by the creek
Where the shade was black at noon,
And the hill we used to seek
With its cool spring's silver boon,
Or the grassy glade, where they, in the shade,
Waited for the deer beneath the moon.

Oh, the Crystal autumn days,
When the sunflowers blossomed wide,
Thousand golden suns ablaze
Over every green hill side!
Oh, the saw-mill's steam, that with a rainbow gleam,
Sprang into the sunlight and then died!

Three long shanties and a mill,
And a house that was to be
Stood for all our city—nil,
It remained by fate's decree;
No new walls arose when that winter's snows
Covered all the hemlocks silently.

Nothing ever, but a name,
Our "Victoria City" there,
By the Cross Fork Creek became:—
Failure,—and almost despair;—
And the snows came down, and the maples brown
Moaned out lonely on the bitter air.

How is it by Cross Fork Creek,
After all the years have been?
Has some other come to seek
Better fortune then, and seen
Life's full-flowing tide, from the old world wide,
Rush into the solemn stillness green?

Have they cut the hemlocks down—
Those we left—and burnt the brush?
Have they from Germania town
Brought a railroad? Has the crush
Of the haggard crowd, with their murmur loud,
Broken sharply in upon the hush?

Better so I know it is—
I mourn not for days of yore,—
But I like to think of this,
Somehow, as it was before,
When the trees were glowing, and the creek clear flowing
In the childhood days that are no more.

Blessings on it, whatsoe'er
May have come to it since then!
May God keep it fresh and fair,
Busy happy home of men!
In the old world city, full of woe and pity,
Oh, how I have longed to see it once again!

A. W.

Mr. O'Donnell, M.P., has paid a visit to Mr. Parnell, M.P., and the other suspects in Kilmainham Jail; and a Dublin evening newspaper of Monday publishes his impressions of the circumstances of the imprisonment. The hon. member appears to think that the suspects are not treated as they ought to be, according to the understanding arrived at in the House of Commons. Mr. O'Donnell subsequently went to Derry, where he had an enthusiastic reception.

Mr. J. Gordon Sprigg, late Premier in the Cape Parliament, addressing the Earl's-court Conservative Club last Monday evening, condemned the appointment of Mr. Sendall to the Lieutenant-Governorship of Natal.

In Birmingham on Sunday a widow, named Ellen Jackson, administered poison to her two children, aged respectively nine and seven years, and then poisoned herself. She died in the hospital, and one of her children, a girl, died a few hours afterwards. The other remains in a precarious state.

The new Steamer Claremont, which was supposed to have been lost in the storms, has been towed into the Firth of Forth by the Hull steamer North-Eastern, which thereby earns the reward of £2000. The Claremont was "cast off" by a tug during the storm, and drifted away into the North Sea. The few men on board had only a very short supply of water and provisions.

At Exeter on Monday Mrs. May and her daughter were committed for trial on the charge of concealing the birth of the child of the latter; the charge of wilful murder, originally preferred against both prisoners, being abandoned.

A Movement has been started in the United States for the formation of an American rifle team to compete at Wimbledon next July with a team to be chosen from the riflemen of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

Count Von Moltke is about to retire from the active duties of chief of the staff of the German army. He will still, however, retain a certain "supreme supervision" in army matters.

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Our Illustrations.

THE LAST NOVEMBER HURRICANES.

Another severe gale has occurred to swell the list of important meteorological events for which the present year is already remarkable; and once more we have to record serious damage on land and still more disastrous casualties at sea.

THE STORM IN LONDON.

Considerable damage was done in different parts of London, and some serious accidents are reported. About ten o'clock on Saturday night, as Police-Constable John Veall, No. 303, P Division, was parading Walworth-road, a very large and heavy advertisement board belonging to Mr. Walters, and affixed to No. 354 in that road, was blown down, and struck the constable on the head with such violence as to cause him to fall and break his right leg. He was taken to St. Thomas's Hospital, and admitted in the Leopold Ward. Shortly before nine o'clock the inhabitants of the same neighbourhood and passers-by were startled at hearing a loud cash, when it was discovered that two sides of the premises of Messrs. Jones and Co., sewing-machine manufacturers, situated at the corner of Deacon-street, Walworth-road, had been blown in, completely demolishing all the plate-glass and framework. Fortunately, no one was injured. About the same time a similar accident occurred at Messrs. Cartwright's tailoring establishment in the Lower Marsh.

At the Elephant and Castle a hansom cab was blown over, the driver receiving a severe blow on the head. Fortunately, the cab was empty at the time. Two public-houses, the City of Salisbury and the the Old King's Head, in Tooley-street, in the course of re-erection, had the hoardings surrounding them thrown down.

The effects of the gale were severely felt at Deptford, Greenwich, Blackheath, and neighbourhood, where tiles and chimney-pots have fallen in all directions. At Lady well and Catford the river Ravensbourne overflowed its banks; and fields adjacent, the meadow adjoining Lewisham churchyard,

THE HURRICANE: OUR GALLANT LIFE-BOAT SERVICE.

and the station-master's garden at Ladywell, were under water. In all parts of the Pool and in the docks much damage was reported to the vessels, and it is estimated that quite fifty barges, many coal-laden, have sunk.

THE THAMES AT WINDSOR

rose rapidly; and a portion of the "Cobbler" was flooded. The Great Western train conveying Princess Beatrice on her return from London to Windsor on Saturday experienced the full fury of the storm, the wind and rain driving sharply on her Royal Highness and suite as, after alighting from the saloon, they walked along the platform of the terminus to the carriage sent for their conveyance to the castle. It is to be feared that in the inland counties the damage to houses and trees will rival that of the great gale of October, when it was actually dangerous to walk across a well-wooded park.

THE STORM AT LIVERPOOL.

The strong gale broke over Liverpool and district on Saturday night, and continued with more or less violence the whole of Sunday. But, with the exception of the Tranmere boats, which were compelled to stop running on Sunday afternoon and evening, the ferry traffic was carried on as usual. The captains of cattle-boats from Ireland reported a sea unprecedented in roughness for many years. Several of the steamers were delayed between three and four hours on their passages. The life-boats were got in readiness to go to the aid of vessels in distress. On the Lancashire coast the gale did considerable damage, and some exciting scenes were witnessed on Sunday at Blackpool and Lytham.

THE GALE ON THE COAST.

IN BRIGHTON,

where such gales are very severely felt, it was accompanied by thunder and lightning. Several shop fronts were blown in, and the damage to property was very great. As might be expected, the Channel ports have borne the full brunt of the hurricane.

AT HASTINGS

great masses of the Parade have been torn away, and the network of subterranean piping has been laid bare.

FOLKESTONE

has fared no better, for the new pier-extension works above water have been entirely washed away, and the steamers between Folkestone and Boulogne ceased running on Sunday.

PORTSMOUTH

endured the full weight of the storm on Saturday night. Damage to the extent of many thousands of pounds has been done ashore, and serious apprehensions were entertained of worse having befallen at sea.

AT QUEENSTOWN,

the Cunard steamer Servia and the Guion steamer Wisconsin were several hours overdue from Liverpool on Sunday, owing to the fierceness of the gale. At

SOUTH SHIELDS,

one brig was driven ashore, and several screw-steamers were obliged to put back.

YARMOUTH.

Several shipping casualties are reported at Great Yarmouth. A fine brig named the Countess of Harwich, for Weymouth from Sunderland with coals, parted from her anchors whilst in the Roads, and drifted ashore on the North Beach. There were only three men on board, the others having gone ashore for provisions a few hours previously. These took to the rigging, and burnt flares for assistance. The

THE HURRICANE: AN OCEAN-GOING STEAMER IN THE BAY OF BISCAY.

Yarmouth coastguard were quickly on the spot with the rocket apparatus, and after several hours' work the men were rescued and received at the Sailors' Home. Another ship went ashore on Scroby Sands.

NEWHAVEN.

The brigantine Harriet being in danger on a lee shore near Newhaven, the life-boat proceeded to render assistance, but was not required. In returning to harbour she capsized, and did not right herself before striking East Pierhead. The whole of the crew of the life-boat were saved by lines from the pier.

PLYMOUTH.

During the whole of Saturday and Sunday a heavy gale was blowing from the south-west, being accompanied by squalls of hail and rain. The Australian mail steam-ship Lusitania, and the Cape mail steam-ship Arab were both weather-bound in Plymouth Sound, and many vessels ran in for shelter. The Dutch barque Baron von Pallandlt, with a cargo of teak for Liverpool, dragged her anchors and went ashore in the Sound on Sunday morning. Her crew took to their boat and saved themselves. A boat put off from the Trusty Government steam-tender. A rope was thrown to her as she passed alongside the Admiral's yacht, lying off Mount Wise, and one of the occupants of the boat, an able seaman, named Sercombe, in endeavouring to reach the rope, fell overboard, and was drowned.

ISLE OF WIGHT WRECKAGE.

A terrific gale of wind from the south-west, accompanied with heavy rain and hail, raged at Ventnor last Saturday and Sunday, causing a tremendous sea in the bay and along the back of the island. A large steamer was observed on Saturday afternoon not far from the shore, lying helpless in the trough of the

sea, her steering gear apparently being useless. At night she sent up rockets and burnt lights, as signals of distress, but was carried by the ebb tide into the Chale Bay; she subsequently dropped anchor off St. Lawrence Preventive Station, where she was observed by her lights to be riding. About seven o'clock these suddenly disappeared. Some say she must have foundered. On Sunday the gale increased in violence, and at 2·30 p.m. carried away about one half of the Ventnor Pier, in view of some hundreds of spectators, amidst great excitement. The landing-stage, recently erected at a cost of £1200, was first washed down, and in its passage tore away several iron girders, and, in a moment, the whole of the pier-head, containing a handsome wind-screen, its entire width, band stand, &c., together with another portion of the structure, about forty feet in length, was washed away. The damage is estimated at £3000. The pier is the second structure that has succumbed to the violent seas experienced at Ventnor.

THE LIFE-BOAT SERVICES

performed by the hardy crews of the National Life-Boat Institution have been distinguished by special bravery. During the storms of the present year the life-boats of this institution have saved eight hundred and seventy-four shipwrecked sailors, in addition to bringing safely into harbour twenty-nine distressed vessels. A merchant-vessel went ashore at Hayling Island during Sunday night. The crew were saved by the Bembridge, Isle of Wight, life-boat, though the Hayling boat also went out.

THE HEAVY SEAS

ocean-going steamers have had to encounter in the Channel and the Bay of Biscay have been wellnigh overwhelming. How furiously the waves dashed against and over these devoted ships may be in a measure realised from our Engraving, which also serves to prove the excellence of the British ship-builder's workmanship as a rule. The steamer Duart Castle, from London, at Madeira, reports having had terrific weather in the Bay of Biscay. Mr. Wallace, the chief officer, was killed. His thigh and arm were broken, and he sustained concussion of the brain. The carpenter had his hip and ribs broken, and is at Madeira in hospital. The Union Company's steamer Asiatic, from the Cape, arrived off Plymouth during the gale on Sunday morning, but, being caught in a violent squall, she ran off from the land, and afterwards proceeded for Southampton without calling at Plymouth. The Orontes, which left on Saturday, on Monday put back to Portsmouth with steering gear strained, and other damages, and the loss of a seaman, who was washed overboard. She should not have left in such a fierce gale.

PRODUCING A CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

Various calculations are sometimes printed by ingenious publishers with the view of impressing the public with the colossal nature of their Christmas Numbers. It may be stated by one that the paper used for one issue would be sufficient to wrap the globe in—by another that the ink consumed would furnish another Black Sea—by a third that a large fortune had been expended in the preparation of the publication. But, probably, the best idea of the magnitude of these really great enterprises would be obtained by a visit just now to the large Printing Establishment of the *Illustrated London News*, adjoining 198, Strand. For many weeks, the various printing-rooms have been scenes of continuous and zealous activity, a staff of skilled printers having been engrossed in turning out an enormous number of sheets of the Christmas Number of the *Illustrated London News*. In the room delineated, the figure 4 indicates the time-honoured two-feeder machines, and 5 the Bremner machines. The beehive of the Composing-Room, the industrious home of the paper-dampers, and other essential departments, find no place in this group of Illustrations. But the neat-handed girls who cover each copy with cheerful dexterity are portrayed in company with the trusty Publisher and his assiduous staff, whose labour just now in meeting the unprecedented orders of "The Trade" must be enormous. It would be of interest to trace here the history of the blue-eyed Drummer Boy from the time his first faint impression appears on the satined surface paper to the culminating point when he shines forth as a worthy copy of Sir Joshua Reynolds's beautiful painting. But, alas! the secrets of this remarkable colour-printing are hidden.

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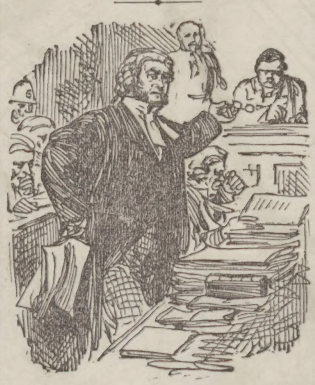
Law and Crime.



LEFROY'S LATEST REVELATIONS.

On Monday last the Country was startled afresh by the sensational murderer, Percy Lefroy Mapleton, whose astounding revelations surrounded his name with new horrors. First, however, has to be described

HIS FAREWELL INTERVIEW WITH MR. AND MRS. CLAYTON.

Mr. Clayton and his wife, and their eldest little boy, aged seven, paid a farewell visit to Lefroy at Lewes Prison on Friday afternoon last week. The little boy, who was entirely ignorant of the fate awaiting the condemned man, was present at his special request made at the interview on the previous day. The child was a great favourite of Lefroy's, and it is said that he looked forward to the visit from him with great interest. He was allowed to see the child in his cell, the Deputy-Governor being present for the ten minutes that the interview lasted. Lefroy tenderly caressed the little fellow, and in parting with him appeared to be more moved than since his conviction. Subsequently Lefroy was conducted by warders to the iron cage where prisoners are permitted to receive visits from their relatives and friends. As on the previous day, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton were allowed to converse through a single set of gratings with Lefroy, who had a warder on either side of him, closely watching his every moment. He still maintained his self-possessed and cheerful demeanour, and looked in good health. Although wearing the prison garb, his hair had not been cut nor his moustache removed. He conversed freely, but made not the slightest reference to the crime for which he stood condemned. He requested Mr. Clayton to convey messages of thanks to those persons who had written letters of sympathy to him and subscribed to the fund to defray the expense of his defence. Again he spoke, but with increased hopefulness, of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Clayton in heaven, saying he was quite prepared to die. Just as the interview was about to terminate, Lefroy warmly shook hands with Mr. Clayton; but, before saying farewell to Mrs. Clayton, he kissed her, and appeared to be deeply moved.

MR. GOLD'S MURDER AVOWED.

Subsequent to this interview, Lefroy made an extraordinary confession. Not only did he admit the murder for which he was condemned to death but he confessed to various other crimes. There was, however, a good deal of discrepancy in his accounts, and his conduct previous to and after the confession raised some suspicion that his object was, to represent himself the victim of a homicidal mania, and thus escape the last penalty of the law.

The convict was visited on Saturday by his married sister, Mrs. Brickwood, and Captain Simpson, a relative of his mother, for the purpose of taking a final farewell. To them he related how he had given the chaplain a "stagger" that morning, and made other statements with regard to his future anticipations. The confession of the convict was at once communicated to the Home Office. Some revolting details were given of the convict's confession as to how he acted under the direction of the Evil One, who was in direct communication and personal converse with him on the day of the murder of Mr. Gold, all leading to the suspicion that the convict had been playing a desperate game as a last resource. Several anecdotes were also related of crimes, such as burglaries, &c., with which it was sought to connect him, and thus throw a sensational glamour over his whole career.

However, on the Friday he became so fearfully agitated that it was necessary to keep a continual watch upon him. The governor himself sat up, but was unable to pacify the convict, who rushed about his cell moaning and foaming like a madman. The fit wore itself out, and then Lefroy asked that the chaplain and governor might attend him. To these gentlemen he confessed that he was guilty of the murder of Mr. Gold, whom he had shot much in the manner that has been surmised, and then pitched him out on to the line. His story was considerably confused. He declared that he did not get into the compartment with Mr. Gold at London Bridge, but changed into his compartment at Croydon. The condemned man asserted that the struggle with Mr. Gold began with an attempt on his (Lefroy's) part to appropriate Mr. Gold's purse, which he accidentally let fall. Mr. Gold did not perceive his loss, but his attention was attracted by the movement which Lefroy made in picking it up. Seeing what he was about, Mr. Gold started up, exclaiming "Do you want to rob me?" and thrust him back with violence. In the scuffle, Lefroy's coat opening, showed the hidden pistol, which naturally alarmed Mr. Gold, and made him feel that he had a desperate character to deal with.

Exclaiming, "You villain, do you mean murder?" he snatched the pistol from Lefroy, and, according to the convict's account, fired at him without effect. Lefroy struggling with him, got back the pistol, and in his turn fired twice at Mr. Gold. One of these shots inflicted the wound in Mr. Gold's neck, referred to at the trial.

Lefroy did not give a clear account of what followed; but although there were several discrepancies in his repetitions of the story, he always recurred to the fact that there was a desperate struggle. He asserted that each of them tried to throw the other out of the carriage, and even said that he narrowly escaped. He said at one time the wounds on Mr. Gold's head and face were inflicted with the knife he took from him, but this he afterwards denied. He admitted he redeemed a pistol from the pawnbroker on the day of the murder, and said he threw it out of the carriage near Balcombe.

After mature consideration and fuller examination, grave doubts are entertained whether the pistol found on Thursday week at Earlswood is really the weapon with which the murder of Mr. Gold was committed.

TEMPTED BY THE "EVIL ONE."

"One Who Knows," in a letter to the *Daily Telegraph* last Monday, gave some particulars of the convict's confession, which, he said, have perhaps never been surpassed in the thrilling history of murder. "Lefroy says that the whole of the day on which the crime was perpetrated, from the time he left Wallington, the Devil was with him. The Devil helped him to rush across the fields to Waddon station; and when he got to London Bridge assisted him to run down the steps to the pawnbroker's shop, where he redeemed the pistol. Before the train started, loading the weapon, he was, he says, in constant argument with the Evil One. He put the question to the Devil, which it was to be, 'Poverty and honour,' or 'Wealth and dishonour;' and while he was debating this choice the Devil suggested the latter—whereupon he walked up the platform, still accompanied by the friend, and got into a carriage. This was not the compartment in which Mr. Gold was sitting, but in another first-class carriage in which there happened to be a passenger alone. It was into this Lefroy entered, and not, as was stated by the railway witness, that in which Mr. Gold was sitting. He actually intended to take this gentleman's life, but every time Lefroy looked up from his paper he found his companion, to use his own words, 'staring at him as much as to say, 'I know what you are about.' So near was this traveller to being a victim in the place of Mr. Gold! It is not yet certainly known who he was, but Lefroy believes it was Mr. Woods, of Hassock's Gate, who was one of the witnesses for the prosecution. And now, continues the convict, there ensued another colloquy with Satan. Lefroy told the Evil Spirit that 'he could not do it;' and then the Devil replied, 'But how are you going to get back from Brighton.' This decided him, and at that moment the train drew into Croydon station. As it did so, 'I argued with myself,' says the convict, 'whether I should get out or continue in the same carriage. The Devil advised me to get out. I did so, and got into the carriage where Mr. Gold was seated alone.'"

LEFROY'S SELF-ACCUSATION OF THE MURDER OF LIEUTENANT ROPER AT CHATHAM!

In regard to the murder of Lieutenant Roper, the suspicion that Lefroy had possibly been concerned in it was first suggested to his relatives by the recollection that he had been in the neighbourhood of Chatham, under peculiar circumstances, about the time the crime was committed. It would appear that on the day of its perpetration he left

Wallington, where he was living with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, and did not return until early the following morning. He then told his cousin that he had been to Sittingbourne. On Feb. 12, the day after Mr. Roper had been shot, Lefroy in the afternoon again left Wallington, stating that he was going to see his sister, Mrs. Brickwood, at Southend, where he would stay till the Monday following. He did go there, and his extraordinary conduct during the visit enables Mrs. Brickwood the better to remember it. Throughout his stay he betrayed an amount of excitement and nervousness not usual with him. So restless was he that he could not sleep at night, and his sister was obliged to go to him in his bed-room. He then begged her to bolt all doors and bar the windows, so as to make the house secure. Mrs. Brickwood was so astonished at this request, and at the general manner of her brother, that she sat up for a portion of the night to watch him.

Lefroy, in his interview with Mrs. Brickwood at Lewes on Saturday, repeated to her his confession as to the Roper murder. The motive which, in conversation, he assigned for the crime was characteristic of his acknowledged vanity. His story was to the effect that, a few evenings before the murder, as he was strolling in Pall-mall, he passed two gentlemen, who were standing outside a club-house, and that he overheard them speak in disparaging terms of Miss Violet Cameron, the actress, for whom he had conceived an intense affection. He immediately remonstrated with them for slandering a lady whose friendship he had the honour to enjoy. An altercation ensued, and one of the gentlemen threatened him with summary punishment. He retorted with a threat of legal proceedings, and demanded his antagonist's card, which was ultimately given him, and which bore the name and address of "Lieutenant Roper, Royal Engineers." Such was Lefroy's explanation of the circumstances under which he made his victim's acquaintance, and his statement of the provocation he considered he had received. He also told his sister that on Feb. 11 he purchased a revolver in the Strand: that he went to Chatham and shot the man who had in the manner described given him offence, and that he got back to Wallington between three and four o'clock the next morning. It may be mentioned that, some little time after the murder at Chatham, there was found concealed under Lefroy's bed a set of false whiskers and moustachios, a set quite different from the one produced at the recent trial.

RUMOUR RESPECTING THE ENGRAVER, CLARKE.

The Governor of Lewes Jail has received a letter from a lady at Boulogne stating that her husband, Mr. S. Clarke, an engraver of Liverpool, had been missing since the beginning of the year, and that a convict named Forster, who was in prison with Lefroy, had been asked by him to search out Mr. Clarke's relatives. The only trace Mrs. Clarke has had of her husband is a collar sent her by post, and it is suggested that this may have been posted by Lefroy. At any rate, it is a strange coincidence that while living in hiding at Stepney he assumed the name of Clarke. A Liverpool telegram, however, states that the inquiries made there fail to substantiate any connection between Lefroy and the person named Clarke.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE CONFESSION OF LIEUT. ROPER'S MURDER.

Lefroy afterwards retracted his statement respecting his participation in the murder of Lieut. Roper, alleging that it was made in a fit of hallucination, and that there was no foundation for the story. The Chaplain of Lewes Jail caused the denial to be sent to the Home Secretary. The belief was, it may be repeated, that the confession of Lieut. Roper's murder was a ruse to get the execution postponed, which might lead to an eventual reprieve. Dr. Forbes Winslow had an interview with the Home Office authorities on Monday upon the subject of Lefroy's state of mind.

EXECUTION OF LEFROY AT LEWES.

Sir William Harcourt on Monday finally decided against granting any reprieve to Lefroy, Sir William added that he could see no reason why the law should not take its course. With respect to Lefroy's confession, the authorities, while not stating definitely the actual amount of importance they attach to it, took the precaution of sending Superintendent Coppinger, of Chatham, to Lewes on Monday afternoon, with instructions to obtain any further information available with regard to the disclosures concerning Lieutenant Roper's murder.

Percy Lefroy Mapleton, or "Lefroy," as he has been more generally named, was executed at Lewes Jail on Tuesday morning for the murder of Mr. Isaac Gold on the Brighton Railway on June 27. The last sentence of the law was carried out in the presence of the usual officials and a few representatives of the Press. Precautions had been taken to preserve order and prevent any undue assemblage in the immediate vicinity of the prison, but these proved almost unnecessary, as but few persons were to be seen round the prison gates when the black flag was hoisted. The jail is situated on an eminence a short distance from the town of Lewes, on the Brighton road, and commands a fine view of the South Downs and the valley of the Ouse as far as the harbour of Newhaven. As the mist lifted on Tuesday morning this beautiful panorama was unfolded to those whose melancholy errand lay with one who would never see the sun rise again in this mortal existence.

Since his final leave-taking with his friends Lefroy had become dejected; and when all hope of a respite had passed from his mind he appeared to break down almost entirely. After the Chaplain's visit last Monday night Lefroy seemed more resigned than he had previously been. He passed a comparatively quiet night, and slept for several hours. On Tuesday morning he appeared calm and resigned. He rose shortly after six o'clock and was visited by the Chaplain, who conversed and prayed with him for some time. The condemned man then took a light breakfast. No movement was made until a quarter to nine, when the prison bell commenced tolling, ringing out clear and sharp the last knell of the condemned man. The Governor (Captain Crickett), Deputy-Governor (Mr. Farr), and the Under-Sheriff (Mr. Bull) then entered the condemned cell. Lefroy at the time was engaged with the Chaplain in prayer. On the representatives of the Press being admitted through the jail to the north-east yard, they found Marwood waiting with the pinioning straps in his hand.

The condemned man made little or no sign of showing an interest in the proceedings, appearing to be in a half-dazed state. It took Marwood but a very short time to complete this portion of his task, so that at precisely one minute to nine the mournful procession emerged from the prison, the Chaplain reading the burial service in a loud but tremulous voice. The sad cortége was preceded by the Deputy-Governor, followed by the Sheriff, two warders supporting the convict. Marwood, the prison officer (Mr. Turner), and two or three prison officials. Lefroy had a bluish, livid look, and it was evidently with the greatest difficulty that he was able to nerve himself for the fearful ordeal. He staggered rather than walked, although his legs were unbound, and stared wildly from left to right from beneath his drooping eyelids. Along the narrow stone walks through the courtyards the procession wended its way to the scaffold.

Marwood at times put forth a hand to steady the trembling wretch, who had the appearance of a prematurely-worn old man. He appeared to take no interest in the burial service, and never once opened or even moved his lips on the way to the drop in response to the Chaplain's reading. On reaching the scaffold the warders held the condemned man whilst Marwood fastened his broad leathern strap round the convict's legs. In an instant more he pulled the white cap over the wretched man's face, the last expression seen on it being ghastly in the extreme, and as if he were paralysed. The Chaplain then turned his back to the scaffold, moving away a distance of about twenty feet to the right, whilst the Governor, Sheriff, and other officers ranged themselves in front at about on equal distance from the drop. The reverend gentleman continued reading the Church service, but without waiting now for the responses, which never came.

"Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us!" the Chaplain cried in trembling tones. The warders left the convict's side, and Marwood alone remained, supporting him by putting his right hand upon Lefroy's shoulder. At the last word of the service the executioner slipped from the murderer's side, and before he had time to give way pulled the lever which launched Lefroy into eternity. The body fell with a heavy thud that was echoed by a murmur from the small assembly present. The Chaplain was the first to break the painful silence which ensued by crying "Amen" in a clear voice. Marwood looked down into the pit after his victim, and seemed satisfied with his work, for death, apparently, was instantaneous. The convict never moved in the slightest, but hung like a leaden weight at the end of the rope.

The body, after hanging the usual hour, was cut down at ten o'clock by Marwood. The Coroner for East Sussex, Mr. Baxter, convened the jury in the committee-room at the jail at 10.20, the foreman being Mr. George Langridge. The jurors then proceeded to view the body, which was lying in an elm coffin in the dead-room. The features were calm, save for the abrasion of the rope on the neck, a slight breaking of the skin of the cheek by the hangman's rope and brass ring used in lieu of knot, and the bluish colour of the face, the deceased might have been mistaken for one asleep. The lower parts of the neck and chest were white, whilst the fingers had a natural appearance, soft and relaxed. Several of the jurors felt the face and hands of the corpse, which was pronounced to be still slightly warm. The Governor and the jail physician gave the usual legal testimony as to the trial, execution, and death of Lefroy, the doctor stating that death was instantaneous. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence. The convict's body was subsequently interred in quick lime in the grave already described.

EXECUTION OF THE PRESTON MURDERER.

A young man named John Aspinal Simpson, who was condemned to death at the last assizes at Manchester for the murder of a young woman at Preston, was executed last Monday.

The Irishman.

THE LAND BILL AND IRISH MANUFACTURE.

Journeying through the rural districts in Ireland, either by Rail or the national Jaunting Car, the observer cannot fail to be struck—and very forcibly—with the once stately, but now ruinous, buildings and decayed, noiseless millwheels telling of a departed prosperity, which meet his eye on almost every turn of the road. These buildings some years back were each centres of great commercial life; and the little tumbled-down villages near by, with an air of faded prosperity still hanging round them, are sad monuments of a departed golden age. These mills once teemed with busy life; manufactures of various sorts were carried on in them, bringing wealth into the country and giving labour to almost every class. The manufacture of paper was once a vast source of income to the people; now a paper mill, with the exception of one or two, is not to be found in the country, and the industry is almost dead.

Large woollen and tweed factories at one time gave employment to thousands of hands; now such factories are few and far between; but, nevertheless, the few that remain uphold the good character of the home manufacture. And the question forces itself upwards—why this sad decline? This decay in Irish manufactures was initiated by legal restrictions and heavy duties, both on the raw material and on the manufactured article. These restrictions developed a want of enterprise amongst speculators, and in the lapse of years capital was drained from the country and sent abroad into more flourishing fields; and to-day the Irish home speculator with capital and enterprise combined is scarcely to be found.

The consequence of the late Land Bill when fully developed will be to leave a large amount of money in the country which would otherwise, and used in former times, to be sent abroad. And when this capital becomes an established fact, peace will follow prosperity as a natural sequence, and commercial enterprise, with healthy speculation, will once more bring back the good days of old. The now tumbled-down ruins will be rebuilt, and the idle wheels be set in motion; and when each man has a stake in the country it will be his interest to be loyal.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IN DUBLIN.

A company for the purpose of supplying the electric light for public and private purposes has been established on a substantial basis in Dublin, and the demand for shares tells well for the public belief in the light of the future.

ILLEGAL DRILLING.

Seven men have been arrested at Dunmore, in the county of Galway, for illegal drilling. On being brought before a magistrate they were returned for trial. It is feared that secret organisations will now take the place of the Land League, which will give the Government more trouble and the country more cause for alarm than the League ever did.

THE COERCION ACT.

Arrests under the Coercion Act still continue in almost every district, and the past week has seen a good many Irishmen deprived of their liberty on the very shadow of a suspicion. In this, the latter end of the nineteenth century, it is a terrible thing to imagine that even the most peaceful and law-abiding can, upon the merest whisper of a revengeful and malicious policeman, be dragged from his home and his business and thrust into a prison cell on "suspicion," without a chance or an opportunity to clear his name before the world.

BURGLARIES.

The residence of Lord Viscount Gough, St. Helens, Booterstown, in the county of Dublin, was entered by burglars last week, and a large amount of valuable property carried off. JUSTIN.

Chocolate is often very largely adulterated, but every cake bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist only of Pure Cocoa and white sugar, and is, therefore, the most wholesome and nutritious confection sold. Makers to the Queen.—[Advt.]

The enormous sale of Horniman's Pure Tea by some 4000 Agents (Chemists, &c.) at once testifies to the high approval it has realised for its combinedly strong, delicious, and invigorating qualities.—[Advt.]

Kentish Cherries.—Kent, called the Garden of England, is noted for its Cherries; and of all kinds the Morella stands pre-eminent for richness and delicacy of flavour. From this kind is produced Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy, the most delicious and wholesome of all Liqueurs. It may be used in place of wine, is a fine tonic, and nice with hot or cold water. Inquire for it at all Bars, Restaurants, and Wine Stores. Manufacturer, Thomas Grant, Distiller, Maidstone.—[Advt.]

CONFESSION OF LEFROY AT LEWES.

MISS VIOLET CAMERON AS "LA MASCOTTE" AT THE ROYAL COMEDY THEATRE.

The Playgoer.

One of the most charming of young English actresses, and a lady who is respected as much as she is admired, Miss Violet Cameron has naturally been pained by the misuse of her name by Percy Lefroy. Fierce as is that light which beats upon a throne, according to the Poet Laureate, its rays are mild compared with the electric flashes which illuminate the stage. Happily, though our theatrical favourites lead the most public of lives, they can command equal publicity for any reply they desire to make to unfounded charges. Miss Cameron is not by any means the only lady on the stage the late Percy Lefroy had the presumption to address. But the prominent mention of her popular name in one of Lefroy's astounding "confessions" imposed upon Miss Cameron an unwelcome, if necessary, duty. This was to write to the press to say that Lefroy was never at any time known to her—that she had never in her life seen him or exchanged a word with him—but that she had since his conviction received from him "a most painful and unaccountable letter, which she has handed to Dr. Forbes Winslow." This precious epistle was, it has been reported, of a similar nature to the missives which popular actresses are continually receiving from amorous anonymous swains. But the widespread circulation which Miss Cameron's simple explanation is receiving should have a use beyond its immediate aim. It will, I hope, lead to a disbelief in the many stories that scandal-mongers delight to spread in disparagement of the hard-working profession to which the public is principally indebted for recreation and relaxation in this busy age.

Miss Violet Cameron is just now the life and soul of the new Royal Comedy Theatre, the fortunes of which she is in no small measure contributing to make by her fascinatingly bright and charmingly natural performance of the part of the fair heroine of Audran's sparkling comic opera, "La Mascotte." This result is an appropriate outcome of the plot. La Mascotte, a captivating blonde, brings luck to every household she happens to belong to. Luck in hats-full has, accordingly, been brought by Miss Violet Cameron to Mr. Alexander Henderson, the 'cute lessee of the Comedy Theatre — to Mr. Lionel Brough, who not only enacts the droll rôle of the monarch, but is rumoured to have a share in the receipts—and last, but by no manner of means least, I trust, to "La Mascotte" herself, with her irresistible "glou-glou" duet with her shepherd lover. If you have the blues, then, book a seat for "La Mascotte," the most vivacious piece in town.

The bad judgment that has characterised the Haymarket management in the Recess signalised the reopening by the Bancrofts when they produced such a stale play as "Plot and Passion," deservedly received with coolness. Can't they afford to commission one of our rising dramatists to write a new comedy? Playgoers are tired of Robertsonian and Tomtaylorian rehashes. Novelty's the thing to fill the treasury with money—novelty such as Mrs. Bancroft is charming the Haymarket with in the afterpiece. Mr. F. C. Burnand, most humorous of authors for the stage, has made "A Lesson" (adapted from "Lolotte," but by no means a low lot here) the vehicle for enabling Mrs. Bancroft to remind us of the jolly old times when she was Marie Wilton, and the pet of the Strand, whilst poor Johnny Clarke and Rogers were in their heyday. "A Lesson" will do. But still better would business at "the Market" be if the Bancrofts could hit upon a second "Colonel" to precede it. Do I know the dramatist who could supply the desideratum? "Why, certainly!"

At the Court, they are doing fairly well with Mr. W. S. Gilbert's cynical comedy, "Engaged," in which Mr. Byron stars. At the Vaudeville, the fledgling work of a young writer, seemingly in his Tennysonian teens, a secondhand "Sweethearts" called "Marriage Bells," now precedes "The Half-Way House." This true Vaudeville comedy of Mr. G. R. Sims, played with admirable vivacity and finish by all concerned, runs very smoothly; and is followed by a musical afterpiece which on Monday moved the audience to laughter by its ready wit and brightness. "The Girl I Left Behind Me" by name, this musical trifle is the quaint production of a popular author, who disguises himself under the Frenchy appellation of M. Delacour D'Aubigny. It is well worth staying to hear the dulcet singing of Kate Phillips as the buxom bride: and to see the rare fun Bridegroom Thorne and Jack-Tar Crauford, and clever young Lestocq make of the mirth-moving complications Mr.——— (I was nearly letting the cat out of the bag)—has fabricated for them. Lively music, good songs, comic action, and pretty faces, and comely forms—"The Girl I Left Behind Me" was keenly relished.

I can honestly recommend "Cassell's French and English Dictionary" to the budding authors who are burning to provide the London stage with its most acceptable fare. It is wonderfully cheap and good.

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA GOSSIP.

Mr. Fleming Norton last Saturday evening gave his popular entertainment, "Pic-Nic Portraits," at Sandringham, before a party of distinguished guests, assembled to celebrate the twelfth birthday of Princess Maud of Wales. The various sketches, which Mr. Norton impersonates with great mimetic power and considerable musical ability, created hearty amusement. Subsequently Mr. Fleming Norton had the honour of being introduced to the Prince and Princess of Wales, who congratulated him on the pleasure he had afforded.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales expressed himself as particularly pleased with "The Lights o' London" and "The Half-Way House" when he lately saw Mr. G. R. Sims's new pieces in company with the Princess.

Mr. Charles Bernard's Comic Opera Company, in "Les Clôches de Corneville," has been drawing good houses for the past week at the Theatre Royal and Opera House, Cork. Mr. Scanlan's exertions to secure first-class talent is undoubtedly meeting the reward they merit at the hands of Cork audiences.

Sedle's "Last Judgment" will be sung at St. Stephen's Church, Westminster, on Wednesdays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, at eight p.m.; and on Wednesday, Dec. 21, the first part of Handel's "Messiah" will be finely rendered.

"Music Wherever He Goes" of the most welcome character does Carl Rosa continue to take. His unsurpassed company, having last charmed Edinburgh, are this week enchanting Glasgow, at the Gaiety, with Operas in English, performed with that perfection which no scratch company, whether organised in London or elsewhere, can aspire to, and which makes the musical public in town look forward with pleasurable anticipations to the forthcoming Carl Rosa season at Her Majesty's.

Mr. Wilson Barrett's well-chosen company, with Madame Modjeska as star, formed the chief attraction in Edinburgh this week at the Royal; whilst Mr. Edward Compton has been the star at the Princess's.

Brighton has been all the merrier this week for Sims's 'Member for Slocum," as played by Miss Kate Lawler's company at the Royal.

Miss Wallis has gone to Hull.

Mr. Irving, whose brilliant success has followed him to the Prince's, Manchester, will next Monday be succeeded by the Carl Rosa Company. Manchester has also been favoured this week with two powerful tragédiennes in the persons of Miss Bateman at the Royal and Miss Marriott at the Queen's—heavened by Jenny Hill at the Folly and Uffner's wonderful "Midgets" at the St. James's Hall.

Liverpool has this week relied on a varied bill-of-fare at the Alexandra (where "Billee Taylor" is due next Monday), on "The Guy'nor" at the Court, on the Joe-Eldred comic (very comic) opera at the Prince of Wales's, which will be awakened by Mr. Edgar Bruce with "The Colonel" next Monday; the superb equestrian performances at Hengler's Grand Cirque being as popular as ever.

Birmingham Cattle and Dog Show Week has seen good dramatic fare at the Royal (Mrs. Scott-Siddons in "As You Like It"), and at the Prince of Wales's, where Toole has been making them murmur dolefully, "Too'le late, Too'le late, you cannot enter now!"

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Sports and Pastimes.

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For the eighth year in succession, Fred. Archer heads the list of winning jockeys, he having during this year been first 220 times. Including his first success, upon Athol Daisy, in 1870, the popular jockey has now ridden 1648 winners, while George Fordham has succeeded, during his longer career, in passing the post first upon 2431 occasions.

CROYDON MEETING.

Croydon November Meeting was a good one. The sun shone gloriously on Tuesday from breakfast time, and the wind was just keen enough, without being unpleasant, to make the racing fairly good. The worst favourite of the lot won the opening Stewards' Steeplechase, but Mr. Pickwick gave backers a turn in the Maiden Hurdle, and Signorita was everybody's favourite in the Selling Hurdle. The Grand National Hurdle-Race was a big success, nearly everything being backed; and, after a good race to the turn for home, Maud came away and won easily.

HANLAN V. BOYD.

The outcome of the recent talk about the championship is that Hanlan has once more been led to sink his dignity as holder of the title, and offered to make a match to scull Boyd on the Thames. The Newcastle man answers from his hotel at Middlesbro' that he will scull next May for £300 a side on the northern river. Hanlan has a preference for the Thames, but as out of a championship race on the Tyne the profits from a match would be much greater than on the Thames, he will possibly waive his choice.

W. CUMMINGS, OF PAISLEY,

last Saturday afternoon gave Duddle, his old and frequent opponent, ten yards' start in a mile, and beat him by a couple of yards. The race came off at the Borough Grounds, Preston, where the running path is so laid as to quickly drain off wet; but the wind was strong, and the winner's time, 4 min. 30 sec., must be taken as very good under the circumstances.

PEDS. AT BOW.

At Bow on Saturday last were run the preliminary heats of the 135 yards' handicap, promoted by the *Sporting Life*, who give a sum of £40 in prizes. Out of 250 entrants, 116 accepted the start allotted them, and these were drawn in twenty-four heats. This Saturday a second, to which the *Sportsman* gives £30, and others interested £30, will be commenced at the Lillie-bridge Grounds.

FOOTBALL.

An interesting match was played between Lancashire and Yorkshire on Saturday, when, in spite of a continuous downpour of rain, there were about 10,000 spectators present on the Halifax ground. Throughout the game Lancashire showed to much greater advantage than their opponents; but, owing to the excellent back play of Yorkshire, the game was left drawn. Lancashire having registered eleven touches down and Yorkshire four. During the play R. Hunt (Manchester) injured his collar-bone, and had to leave the field.

On Saturday a Sandhurst team visited Woolwich to play a match against their old rivals, the Royal Military Academy. Throughout, the game was most keenly contested.

Edinburgh v. Cambridge University was played at Cambridge on Saturday. The University soon acted on the aggressive and caused their rivals to touch down, which they speedily followed up by adding a try, from which, however, no goal was kicked. When "No-side" was called Cambridge were declared victorious by two tries to nothing.

The English Challenge Cup.—The following matches in the second round in this competition were played last Saturday. Upton Park beat Hanover United by three goals to one; Darwin beat Accrington by three goals to one; Holmfirth beat Bolton by four goals to one; Reading v. West End, drawn, one goal each.

FATAL FOOTBALL ACCIDENT.

On Saturday last, J. Johnson Worsman, aged twenty, lost his life while playing in a football-match at Middleton, in Lancashire. One of his opponents threw Worsman and fell heavily upon him, the result being that the deceased's spine was fractured, and he died soon afterwards.

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Chit-Chat.

Earl Granville has sent £20, Lady Burdett-Coutts £50, and Sir Nathaniel de Rothschild £50, for he Bein-Zoug-Zoug Fund, in aid of the unfortunate children whose case was recently brought before the public by Mr. Littler, Q.C., and quoted in last week's Number of this Journal.

The Marriage of the Hon. Paulyn Hastings with the Lady Maud Grimston is appointed to take place on Dec. 20, at Gorhambury.

Sir Samuel and Lady Baker have returned to Devonshire after their recent tour round the world.

The Earl of Rosebery and Mr. Arthur Gladstone are visiting the Premier at Hawarden Castle.

Sir Henry Havelock-Allan returns to Aldershott about Christmas, to resume his brigade command.

Mr. Fitzjames Kelly, an extensive landlord in Clare, has given a tenant at Carrowmore 40 per cent rent abatement.

The Earl of Dunraven has given his Limerick tenants 33 per cent reduction.

Sir Henry and Lady Elliot left town last Monday evening on a visit to her Majesty at Windsor Castle.

Sir Garnet Wolseley will distribute the prizes to the members of the London Irish Rifle Volunteer Corps at St. James's Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The Duke of Connaught and the Marquis of Donegal will be present.

The Queen intends to invest Lord Dalhousie with the Order of the Thistle at Windsor Castle on Dec. 7.

Mrs. E. Flynn, mother of General Mite, has given birth to a child, a girl, 11 lb. in weight. The General only weighs 9 lb.

An Application made on behalf of Mr. Mapleson to restrain Mdlle. Valleria from singing in Liverpool or elsewhere in England, in breach of an agreement, has been refused by Mr. Justice Chitty.

The Marquis of Lorne has accepted an invitation to be present at the festival of the London Scottish Corporation on St. Andrew's Day, on which occasion Prince Leopold will take the chair.

Lieutenant Wilson, of the 4th Dragoon Guards, has obtained £44 damages from the Great Eastern Railway Company for injury sustained by his horse whilst travelling in a horse-box on the defendants' line.

Paris is just now suffering from a panorama mania. Two more spectacles of the kind, one representing the siege of Belfort and the other the famous charge of the French Cuirassiers at Reichshoffen, were opened last week.

The Strasbourg Tribunal has condemned by default to 600 marks' fine, or forty days' imprisonment, 124 young men born there in 1858-60, for evading military service. Any property which they may have in Alsace is to be seized.

M. Gambetta, feeling that he has not enough influence in the South, is going to publish, through his friends, next January, an important evening organ, with considerable funds, to defend his policy. The paper will be called the *Mirabeau*.

The Death is announced of Elie Schoumoff, the Russian chess champion. Schoumoff, who held the rank of State Councillor, was well known throughout the whole chess-playing world, and some of his problems are highly valued in this country.

Jean Luie again appeared at the Woolwich Police Court on Saturday to answer a charge of having deserted his wife and children. Witnesses were called to prove that the prisoner's wife had, by her misconduct, relieved him from his liability to support her, and the charge was dismissed.

The Body of the Rev. J. Barnes, of Reading, was discovered lying on a railway siding at Mortimer station on Friday week. The rev. gentleman had been performing Divine service in a neighbouring village, and was returning by a late train. It is supposed that in the dark he fell into the siding and broke his neck, his body not being found till the next morning.

A Young Girl, dressed in Italian costume and employed to turn a street-organ, was charged on Friday week, at the Hammersmith Police Court, with causing an annoyance in Upper Phillimore-place, Kensington, by refusing to go away when requested, and was sentenced to three days' imprisonment.

To his Tragedy of "Mary Stuart" (Chatto and Windus) Mr. Swinburne has prefixed the following dedication:—"I dedicate this play, no longer the first part of the trilogy which it completes, to the greatest exile, but simply to the greatest man of France; to the chief of living poets; to the first dramatist of the age; to my beloved and revered master—Victor Hugo."

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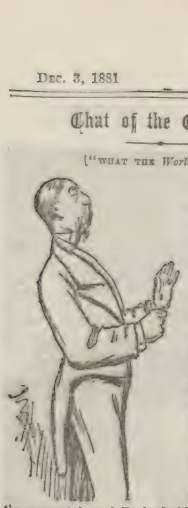

HER MAJESTY will arrive at Osborne on either the 17th or the 19th proximo, and in anticipation of the visit, the Royal steam-yacht Alberta and the tender Elfin have been refitted and re-embellished, the amount expended on the Elfin alone exceeding, I am informed, £1300. The Queen will, as is her custom, not use her large yacht Victoria and Albert for winter service, though it will be kept in readiness in case it should be unexpectedly required.

The Detached Squadron will, barring the unexpected, reach England with the Royal midshipmen early in June; the chief places to be visited after touching at Yokohama, Kobe, and Nagasaki in Japan, being Chifu (north-east China), Shanghai (east China), Hong-Kong (south China), Singapore, Sunda Strait, and St. Helena.

A daily contemporary states that nothing definite has been arranged respecting the future of Prince Albert Edward and Prince George of Wales after their return; but it is known, at any rate, that the former will, after an interval, join the Military School at Sandhurst, while the latter will remain in the Navy, to which he is much attached, and for which he is better qualified by physique than his elder brother.

On Sunday week Baron Ferdinand Rothschild had the honour of entertaining H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at luncheon. Covers were laid for twenty-eight, and the guests comprised the élite of the distinguished and fashionable world now in London. It would appear, therefore, that the heavy loss of three millions sterling, sustained by Messrs. Rothschild in their latest dealing with Austrian finance, cannot quench the hospitable instincts of the members of that eminent house who are domiciled in London.

There is sport as well as natural beauty, and the art that conceals itself, at Cliveden. The member for Salisbury, Mr. W. H. Grenfell, helped his friends last week to bag 113 pheasants and a hare on the Cliveden estate. The Taplow and Cliveden woods adjoin: only a hand-gate defines the two properties. What would they not be united!

Lord Waterford writes:—"I am sorry to say the statement that appeared in your paper of yesterday as to my remaining at Curraghmore, and hunting the country again, is without foundation."

At the dance provided for the workmen of the Duke of Argyll at Inverary Castle the other evening, and at which the Marquis of Lorne and Ladies Mary and Evelyn Campbell were present, the national beverage and all other intoxicating drinks were strictly excluded. Rather hard this upon the retainers of the Macallum More, who live in such close proximity to the place where the famous "Campbelltown" and "Lorne" whiskies are distilled.

It is intended that the forthcoming match between Mr. A. S. Wortley and Dr. Carver, to shoot a hundred pigeons, at thirty yards rise, for £1000, shall be kept select; for the prices of admission are to be £1 and 10s. Dec. 5 is the day fixed.

The little Buckinghamshire town from which Lord Beaconsfield took his title has, I am sorry to hear, been ravaged by an epidemic, which has closed the schools and left many families in mourning.

My suggestion with regard to the Brighton Chain Pier is likely to be carried out. A company, called the "Brighton Marine Kursaal," is about to be formed. This will have for its object the enlargement of the pier-head, and the erection thereupon of saloons, baths, reading and refreshment rooms.

Mr. Edmund O'Donovan, the Merv correspondent of the *Daily News*, returns to London from Constantinople immediately. As the special envoy of the Turcoman chiefs, he is charged to represent the real condition of the country to the English Government; and I am told that at least two of her Majesty's Ministers are rather anxious to obtain all the detailed information the intrepid journalist possesses. Mr. O'Donovan, however, likes to keep all that for his publishers, and will rewrite the lost letters which he sent from Merv.

Mr. Walton, the American plunger, is a stale theme by this time; but, as his winnings have been much exaggerated, I took the trouble the other day to ask a man well qualified to know about the exact amount, and he puts it down at not less than £60,000.

"Engaged," at the Court Theatre, presents the somewhat unique appearance of a leading author, Mr. H. J. Byron, playing in the production of his most prominent rival, Mr. W. S. Gilbert. The next item on the bill will most probably be from the pen of Mr. H. Pottinger Stephens, whose comic opera, "Lord Bateman" (music by Edward Solomon), will be produced in New York before Christmas. In the new piece at the Court Mr. G. W. Anson will sustain a prominent part.

The Christmas piece at the Imperial is to be the original English version of the vaudeville-pantomime lately produced at the Comédie Parisienne. Mr. Joseph Mackay, the author of the original, will certainly have to tone down some of the lively scenes introduced by M. Agoust and M. Busnach before it can be played here.

"Rob Roy" was played with great spirit on Friday night by the Amateur Dramatic Club of the Scots Guards in Chelsea Barracks.

Miss Fanny Josephs, a charming actress, who, in consequence of an accident, has been for some time absent from the stage, will make her *rentrée* in "The Two Roses" at the Lyceum.

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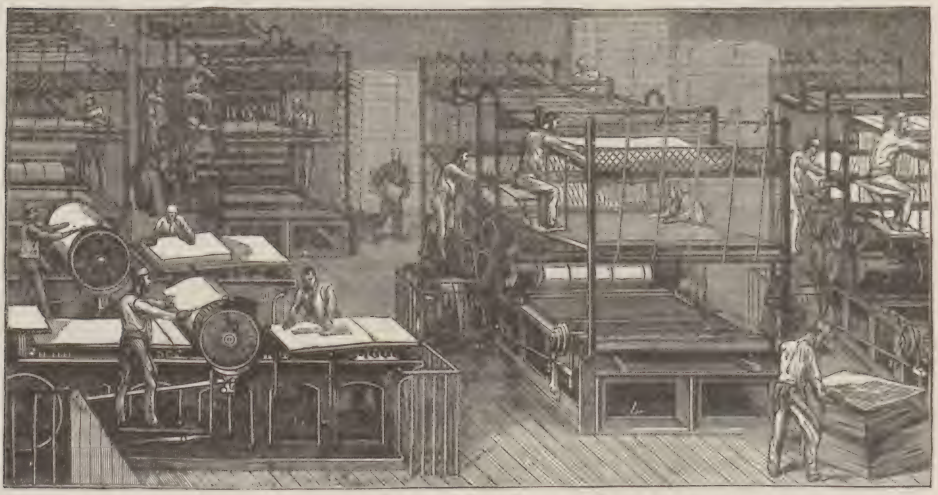

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